As growth and development trends have spread from both Fort Bragg and Wake County, the closest areas of Harnett County have begun to grow as well. The figure shows trends in single family home development in both of these areas. COMMERCE: As residential development in various areas of Harnett County has increased, it has created a need for commercial services. The figure displays a steady increase of permits issued for these projects in recent years. The increased number of permits in the Fort Bragg and Wake County areas is consistent with increases of other types of development.

MANUFACTURED HOME While manufactured homes have, in past years, been popular residential choices; single family site built homes have been increasing in popularity in recent years. The manufactured home permits in the figure are almost always for an individual property owner for personal use as no rental permits have been applied for or approved in many years.

Harnett County is a unique county located in the sandhills of North Carolina. Harnett County embraces and promotes its rural character and roots in agriculture while encouraging new growth and development. There are 5 small towns located within Harnett County, Angier (population 4,107), Coats (population 2,321), Dunn (population 964), Erwin (population 4,620) and Lillington (population 3,040). Harnett County is also home to Fort Bragg, North Carolina's largest military installation and home to over 28,000 military personnel and their families. Population projections can not adequately take into consideration the impact of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) on Harnett County. However, it is important to note that through BRAC, Fort Bragg is expected welcome thousands of new military personnel to its ranks. This influx of personnel will result in the number of dependents that will relocate to Fort Bragg along with their families.